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# H. R. 72

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend coverage of home health services under the medicare program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 5, 1993

Mr. HOAGLAND introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. EXTENDING COVERAGE OF HOME HEALTH**  
4 **SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(m) of the Social Se-  
6 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(m)) is amended by adding  
7 at the end the following new sentence: “For purposes of  
8 paragraphs (1) and (4) and sections 1814(a)(2)(C) and  
9 1835(a)(2)(A), nursing care and home health aide services  
10 shall be considered to be provided or needed on an ‘inter-

1 mittent' basis if they are provided or needed less than 7  
 2 days each week and, in the case they are provided or need-  
 3 ed for 7 days each week, if they are provided or needed  
 4 for a period of up to 40 consecutive days.”.

5 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
 6 subsection (a) shall apply to services furnished in cases  
 7 of initial periods of home health services beginning on or  
 8 after January 1, 1994.

9 **SEC. 2. FINANCING THROUGH INCREASE IN DOLLAR LIM-**  
 10 **TATION ON AMOUNT OF WAGES SUBJECT TO**  
 11 **HOSPITAL INSURANCE TAX.**

12 Section 3121(x)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
 13 1986 is amended—

14 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at  
 15 the end;

16 (2) in subparagraph (B)—

17 (A) by striking “for any calendar year”  
 18 and all that follows through “preceding year”  
 19 and inserting “for calendar year 1993, the ap-  
 20 plicable contribution base for calendar year  
 21 1992”, and

22 (B) by striking the period at the end and  
 23 inserting a comma; and

24 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
 25 paragraphs:

1           “(C) for calendar year 1994, the applicable  
2           contribution base for calendar year 1993 in-  
3           creased by \$5,000 and adjusted in the same  
4           manner as is used in adjusting the contribution  
5           and benefit base under section 230(b) of the  
6           Social Security Act, and

7           “(D) for any calendar year after 1994, the  
8           applicable contribution base for the preceding  
9           year adjusted in the same manner as is used in  
10          adjusting the contribution and benefit base  
11          under section 230(b) of the Social Security  
12          Act.”.

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